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April 12, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 April 12, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH
THE CONSERVATION CORPS FOR THE STATE CALIFORNIA
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute agreements and any subsequent amendments with the California Conservation Corps or a Local Conservation Corps for services not to exceed \$100,000 for the Florence Metro Blue Line Station Bikeway Access Improvements, Vermont Avenue Bike Lane, Quarry Clasp Peck Park Bike Trail, Eastside Light Rail Bike Interface, and East Los Angeles and Florence/Firestone Community Safe Routes to School projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute agreements and any subsequent amendments with the California Conservation Corps or a Local Conservation Corps for services not to exceed \$100,000 for the Florence Metro Blue Line Station Bikeway Access Improvements, Vermont Avenue Bike Lane, Quarry Clasp Peck Park Bike Trail, Eastside Light Rail Bike Interface, and East Los Angeles and Florence/Firestone Community Safe Routes to School projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the project agreements and subsequent amendments with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) or a Local Conservation Corps (LCC) for services for the Florence Metro Blue Line Station Bikeway Access Improvements, Vermont Avenue Bike Lane, Quarry Clasp Peck Park Bike Trail, Eastside Light Rail Bike Interface, and East Los Angeles and Florence/Firestone Community Safe Routes to School projects.

The projects will enhance bicycle and pedestrian access in the Florence/Firestone, Westmont-West Athens, and East Los Angeles communities and in the Peck Road Water Conservation Park in the vicinity of Arcadia and Irwindale. The proposed projects consist of installation of streetscape, bikeway, and pedestrian improvements. The services provided by the CCC or LCC are the installation of bicycle racks.

The construction phase of the projects will be partially reimbursed by the State of California Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funds. The ATP guidelines require agencies to, when possible, partner with the CCC or LCC. The agreements with the conservation corps must be fully executed prior to funding allocation by the California Transportation Commission for the construction phase of the projects. The County committed to partner with the CCC or LCC and received additional points on the grant applications. Delegating to the Director of Public Works or her designee the authority to enter into individual agreements for the projects with the CCC or LCC will ensure timely funding allocation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2). The recommended actions will enrich the lives of County residents by enhancing bicycle and pedestrian access in the Florence/Firestone, Westmont-West Athens, and East Los Angeles communities and also in the Peck Road Water Conservation Park by providing healthy neighborhood transportation choices that protect the environment. The recommended action will also provide job training opportunities for at-risk youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

We will submit the projects to the Board for approval to advertise for construction bids at a later time. The bikeway projects will be administered utilizing Federal-aid funding. The safe route to school projects will be administered utilizing the State of California transportation grant funding, under the ATP, covered by existing County/State Agreements 76028 and 77276, respectively. Under these programs, Federal and State grant funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the qualifying project cost.

Funding for the projects will be included in the First and Second Supervisorial Districts' Transportation Improvement Programs in the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund budgets and in future years through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The California Senate Bill 99 (SB-99) directs grantees of the ATP grant funds to use the CCC or LCC, as defined in the Public Resources Code, Section 14507.5, as partners to undertake or construct applicable projects in accordance with Section 1524 of Public Law 112-141. The ATP grant is the primary grant funding program in the State for bicycle and pedestrian access improvement projects. Future ATP grant applications will be penalized if the applicant fails to utilize the CCC for the tasks outlined in previously funded ATP grant applications.

Approval of the recommended actions will enable Public Works to satisfy the ATP grant funds requirements, and execute agreements with the CCC or LCC to install bicycle racks for the projects. The agreements will allow Public Works to enhance service to the public in a cost-effective manner as well as provide opportunities for youth to gain valuable work experience. The agreements with the CCC or LCC for the projects will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project, and hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. The proposed action is a requirement of a government funding mechanism that does not involve commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. The appropriate environmental document will be prepared for each individual project prior to construction and submitted to the Board to make the environmental finding in accordance with CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will have no impact on current services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

4/12/2016

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel (Rosa Linda Cruz)
Executive Office